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1. IN LIGHT OF REPRESENTATION MADE BY SECRETARY TO FRG
AMBASSADOR VON STADEN IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 26 (SEPTEL),
YOU SHOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN
FONOFF MONDAY TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE QUESTION OF ARMS
RESUPPLY TO ISRAEL FROM STOCKS IN GERMANY.

2. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT IN RESPONDING TO THE SECRETARY,
FRG AMBASSADOR VON STADEN INDICATED THAT THE PRIMARY FRG
OBJECTION TO THE RESUPPLY EFFORT HAD BEEN THE UTILIZATION
OF ISRAELI SHIPS AS THE MEANS OF TRANSPORT. VON STADEN
OFFERED NO SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS TO THE USE OF US SHIPS
OR PLANES AND, WE ASSUME, TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF FLAG VESSELS
OF NON-BELLIGERANTS. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, ON BASIS OF
HIS RESPONSE THAT THE CHARTER AND USE OF NON-ISRAELI SHIPS
WITH NON-ISRAELI CREWS WOULD BE PERMITTED, AND WE WISH
TO PROCEED ON THIS BASIS. (FYI WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE

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COMPROMISE OF LIBERIAN VESSEL WITH ISRAELI CREW OFFERED
REFTEL WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO FRG. END FYI)

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO ADVISE FONOFF THAT WE ASSUME THERE

WILL BE NO OBJECTION TO THE CONTINUED USE OF USG VESSELS
AND PLANES TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES TO THE MIDDLE EAST. KISSINGER

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